AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A commodity order issuing and accepting method, comprising:

providing an order issuing device capable of electronic communications;

providing an order accepting device capable of electronic communications;

requesting a first electronic document comprising first input fields for accepting order issuer information and for accepting commodity order issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date from said order accepting device;

transmitting said first electronic document to said order issuing device;

inputting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date into said first input fields on said order issuing device;

transmitting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date to said order accepting device;

retrieving a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information on said order accepting device;

transmitting a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date to said order issuing device;

inputting said order issuer's payment date into said second input field on said order

issuing device; and

transmitting said order issuer's payment date to said order accepting device,

wherein said second electronic document comprises ~~information regarding a relation~~

~~between~~ <u>a formula for calculating a payment price based on</u> said order issuer's payment date ~~and~~

~~an amount of money~~.

2. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting method as set

forth in claim 1, further comprising:

calculating a reduced price corresponding to said transaction condition and said order

issuer's payment date on said order accepting device.

3. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting method as set

forth in claim 2, further comprising:

transmitting a third electronic document on which said reduced price is described and

which has means for inputting an authentication to said order issuing device;

activating said means for inputting the authentication on said order issuing device; and

transmitting information representing that said means for inputting the authentication has

been activated to said order accepting device.

4. (currently amended): A commodity order issuing and accepting system, comprising:

means for requesting a first electronic document having first input fields for order issuer information and for commodity order issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date from an order issuer side to an order accepter side;

means for transmitting said first electronic document from said order accepter side to said order issuer side;

means for inputting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date to said first input fields on said order issuer side;

means for transmitting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date from said order issuer side to said order accepter side;

means for retrieving a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information on said order accepter side;

means for transmitting a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date from said order accepter side to said order issuer side;

means for inputting said order issuer's payment date to said second input field on said order issuer side; and

means for transmitting said order issuer's payment date from said order issuer side to said order accepter side,

wherein said second electronic document comprises ~~information regarding a relation between~~ <u>a formula for calculating a payment price based on</u> said order issuer's payment date ~~and an amount of money~~.

5. (original): The commodity order issuing and accepting system as set forth in claim 4, further comprising:

means for calculating a reduced price corresponding to said transaction condition and said order issuer's payment date on said order accepter side.

6. (original): The commodity order issuing and accepting system as set forth in claim 5, further comprising:

means for transmitting a third electronic document on which said reduced price is described and which has means for inputting an authentication from said order accepter side to said order issuer side;

means for activating said means for inputting the authentication on said order issuer side; and

means for transmitting information representing that said means for inputting the authentication has been activated from said order issuer side to said order accepter side.

7. (currently amended): A commodity order accepting apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving a request for a first electronic document having first input fields for order issuer information and for commodity order issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date from an order issuer side,

means for transmitting said first electronic document to said order issuer side;

means for receiving said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date which have been input to said first input fields on said order issuer side from said order issuer;

means for retrieving a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information;

means for transmitting a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date to said order issuer side;

means for receiving said order issuer's payment date which have been input to said second input field on said order issuer side from said order issuer side,

wherein said second electronic document comprises ~~information regarding a relation between~~ <u>a formula for calculating a payment price based on</u> said order issuer's payment date ~~and an amount of money~~.

8. (original): The commodity order accepting apparatus as set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

means for calculating a reduced price corresponding to said transaction condition and said order issuer's payment date.

9. (original): The commodity order accepting apparatus as set forth in claim 8, further comprising:

means for transmitting a third electronic document on which said reduced price is described and which has means for inputting an authentication to said order issuer side; and

means for receiving information representing that said means for inputting the authentication has been activated on said order issuer side from said order issuer side.

10. (currently amended): A commodity order accepting apparatus, comprising:

a receiving module for receiving communications from an order issuing device;

a transmitting module for transmitting communications to the order issuing device; and

a retrieving module,

wherein the receiving module, the transmitting module and retrieving module are

configured such that:

when the receiving module receives a request for a first electronic document comprising

first input fields for accepting order issuer information and for accepting commodity order

issuance information except for an order issuer's payment date from an order issuing device, the

transmitting module transmits said first electronic document to said order issuing device,

when the receiving module receives said order issuer information and said commodity

order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date from said order issuing

device, the retrieving module retrieves a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity

order issuance information and the transmitting module transmits a second electronic document

on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order

issuer's payment date to said order issuing device,

the receiving module receives said order issuer's payment date from said order issuing

device, and

wherein said second electronic document comprises ~~information regarding a relation~~

~~between~~ <u>a formula for calculating a payment price based on</u> said order issuer's payment date ~~and~~

~~an amount of money~~.

11. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 10,

comprising:

a calculating module,

wherein the calculating module is configured to calculate a reduced price corresponding

to said transaction condition and said order issuer's payment date.

12. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 11,

wherein the transmitting module is configured to transmit a third electronic document on

which said reduced price is described and which has means for inputting an authentication to

said order issuing device, and

wherein the receiving module is configured to receive information representing that said

means for inputting the authentication has been activated on said order issuing device.

13. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting method of claim

1, wherein the order issuer's payment date is a proposed payment date.

14. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting system of claim

4, wherein the order issuer's payment date is a proposed payment date.

15. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 7,

wherein the order issuer's payment date is a proposed payment date.

16. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 10, wherein the order issuer's payment date is a proposed payment date.

17. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting method of claim 1, wherein the order issuer's payment date is manually entered by a user.

18. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting system of claim 4, wherein the order issuer's payment date is manually entered by a user.

19. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 7, wherein the order issuer's payment date is manually entered by a user.

20. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 10, wherein the order issuer's payment date is manually entered by a user.

21. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting method of claim 1, wherein the first electronic document and the second electronic document are in HTML format.

22. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting system of claim 4, wherein the first electronic document and the second electronic document are in HTML format.

23. (previously presented):　The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 7,

wherein the first electronic document and the second electronic document are in HTML format.

24. (previously presented):　The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 10,

wherein the first electronic document and the second electronic document are in HTML format.

25. (previously presented):　The commodity order issuing and accepting method of claim

1, wherein the order issuing device and the order accepting device communicate over the

internet.

26. (previously presented):　The commodity order issuing and accepting system of claim

4, wherein the order issuing device and the order accepting device communicate over the

internet.

27. (previously presented):　The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 7,

wherein the order issuing device and the order accepting device communicate over the internet.

28. (previously presented):　The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 10,

wherein the order issuing device and the order accepting device communicate over the internet.

29. (previously presented):　The commodity order issuing and accepting method of claim

1, wherein the transaction condition is a formula related to a commodity transaction.

30. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting system of claim 4, wherein the transaction condition is a formula related to a commodity transaction.

31. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 7, wherein the transaction condition is a formula related to a commodity transaction.

32. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 10, wherein the transaction condition is a formula related to a commodity transaction.

33. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting method of claim 1, wherein the order issuer information is at least one of an order issuer's name, an order issuer's address and an order issuer's telephone number.

34. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting system of claim 4, wherein the order issuer information is at least one of an order issuer's name, an order issuer's address and an order issuer's telephone number.

35. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 7, wherein the order issuer information is at least one of an order issuer's name, an order issuer's address and an order issuer's telephone number.

36. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 10, wherein the order issuer information is at least one of an order issuer's name, an order issuer's address and an order issuer's telephone number.

37. (currently amended): A commodity order issuing and accepting method, comprising:

providing an order issuing device capable of electronic communications;

providing an order accepting device capable of electronic communications;

requesting a first electronic document comprising first input fields for accepting order issuer information comprising information about an order issuer, and for accepting commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date from said order accepting device;

transmitting said first electronic document to said order issuing device;

inputting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date into said first input fields on said order issuing device;

transmitting said order issuer information and said commodity order issuance information except for said order issuer's payment date to said order accepting device;

retrieving a transaction condition corresponding to said commodity order issuance information on said order accepting device;

transmitting a second electronic document on which said transaction condition is described and which has a second input field for said order issuer's payment date to said order issuing device;

inputting said order issuer's payment date into said second input field on said order issuing device;

transmitting said order issuer's payment date to said order accepting device, and

wherein said second electronic document comprises ~~information regarding a relation between~~ a formula for calculating a payment price based on said order issuer's payment date ~~and an amount of money~~.

38. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting method of claim 1, wherein the commodity order issuance information is at least one of a commodity item and a commodity quantity.

39. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting system of claim 4, wherein the commodity order issuance information is at least one of a commodity item and a commodity quantity.

40. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 7, wherein the commodity order issuance information is at least one of a commodity item and a commodity quantity.

41. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 10, wherein the commodity order issuance information is at least one of a commodity item and a commodity quantity.

42. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting method of claim 37, wherein the commodity order issuance information is at least one of a commodity item and a commodity quantity.

43. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting method of claim 1, wherein the second electronic document comprises fields displaying a regular payment amount and a payment due date, the regular payment amount being due on the payment due date, and

wherein the payment amount and the payment due date are determined by the order accepting device.

44. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting system of claim 4, wherein the second electronic document comprises fields displaying a regular payment amount and a payment due date, the regular payment amount being due on the payment due date, and

wherein the payment amount and the payment due date are determined by the order accepting device.

45. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 7, wherein the second electronic document comprises fields displaying a regular payment amount and a payment due date, the regular payment amount being due on the payment due date, and

wherein the payment amount and the payment due date are determined by the order accepting device.

46. (previously presented): The commodity order accepting apparatus of claim 10, wherein the second electronic document comprises fields displaying a regular payment amount and a payment due date, the regular payment amount being due on the payment due date, and

wherein the payment amount and the payment due date are determined by the order accepting device.

47. (previously presented): The commodity order issuing and accepting method of claim 37, wherein the second electronic document comprises fields displaying a regular payment amount and a payment due date, the regular payment amount being due on the payment due date, and

wherein the payment amount and the payment due date are determined by the order accepting device.